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April 3, 1970

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

We just received word from North Vietnam that [REDACTED], is confirmed as being held there. We tried to phone you, thinking that possibly this may constitute first word about him for you -- or at least, first official confirmation from the North Vietnamese-- but were unable to find a number for you. Hence, this letter from us.

We expect that this also means that a letter from him will be coming to your family in the near future. As the enclosed informational press release explains, letters are being sent from Hanoi to us in packages, and we forward them on to the individual families to whom they're addressed whenever they arrive.

We are very pleased to be able to help in this way. If you have any questions, by all means be in touch with us.

Sincerely,

Maggie Geddes

Maggie Geddes
for the Comm. of Liaison
(212) 765 - 1490

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January 27, 1970 (212) 765-1490

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c #012122

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Ethel Taylor, a member of our newly-formed committee, which will facilitate communication between American servicemen held in North Vietnam and their families, has asked us to contact you. We are enclosing an Information Sheet describing the Committee of Liaison.

We have also duplicated the enclosed letter form which you may wish to use in writing your relative. The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners can send and receive one letter per month and one package (not more than six pounds in weight) every other month. Note the address and mail route given in the Information Sheet.

If you would like us to try to find out if your relative is a prisoner in North Vietnam, send his full name, service number and any details you have on when and where he was shot down. We will then transmit the inquiry to the North Vietnamese and are hopeful of receiving a response to every request made.

It is important to understand that there undoubtedly were many pilots whose planes were shot down but whom the North Vietnamese could not rescue, and that there are prisoners held by the Provisional Revolutionary Government in South Vietnam and by the Pathet Lao in Laos about whom we are not able to get information.

We understand your anguish in not knowing about your relative and we sincerely hope we can be of help in getting information about him for you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Webster

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P.S. We apologize for sending a mimeographed letter but we wanted to get this word to you as quickly as possible.

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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez

To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam

Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

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want to write.

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If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cora Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressee. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Pilots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee," he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

Mr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures, as has been frequently documented, most authoritatively by Congressman John Conyers and the Rev. Robert Drinan, Dean of Boston College Law School, in a recent survey of South Vietnamese prisons.

Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 133 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Liaison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anne Bennett, Prof. Bea Seitzman, Steve Halliwell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) — An office to arrange and facilitate exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office carries the name of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Cora Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners it hopes to aid. She said 69 letters from 64 servicemen, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

She said the North Vietnamese had approved mail arrangements by which families could send one letter and one package of no more than six pounds each month to relatives held prisoner.

Mrs. Weiss, national head of the Women's Strike for Peace

Fees of War Form Group to Forward Letters to P.O.W.'s

Special to The New York Times

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Opponents of the Vietnam war announced today the formation of a committee to "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

At a news conference here, the founders said the Hanoi Government had agreed to work through the new committee, which is called Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverdale, the Bronx, a housewife who is co-chairman of the committee, said Hanoi had agreed to send all mail from American prisoners of war to the committee,

which will have offices at 365 West 42d Street in New York City. She said the committee would then forward the letters to the prisoners' families.

Mrs. Weiss, who spent two weeks in North Vietnam in December, said the North Vietnamese had also agreed to answer inquiries from families of missing men and would "attempt to confirm their status."

Mrs. Weiss said this was the first time the North Vietnamese had agreed to answer such inquiries. She said the committee hoped for reasonably prompt responses.

Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedures for such inquiries. She

said the family of any missing man could contact the committee's New York office and ask it to approach Hanoi.

She said the committee would send a telegram to North Vietnam, "assuming that Western Union will send our telegrams—we've had some trouble with that."

If the airman has been confirmed killed or is unknown to the North Vietnamese, Mrs. Weiss said, Hanoi will respond by telegram. If the man was injured or in a prison camp, she said, the North Vietnamese would attempt to get the man to write his family through the committee.

With regard to mail from men known to be held in North Vietnam, Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedure to be followed.

She said North Vietnam had agreed to send and receive one letter a month between prisoners and their relatives in this country.

Letters from the prisoners are to be sent in bundles to the committee's offices and then forwarded from there to the families.

from The New York Times, 1/16/70

UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-16736) (RUC)

DATE: 10/22/70

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
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Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70, with
LHM; Pittsburgh letter to Bureau dated 8/26/70; San Antonio
letter to Bureau dated 8/27/70.

Referenced Pittsburgh letter revealed contact
with confidential informants and sources, a review of
Pittsburgh Indices, a review of Pittsburgh newspapers, as
well as papers in the RAS and contact with the various
military intelligence agencies in the Pittsburgh Division,
all with negative results concerning the above-captioned
organization and its activities.

Referenced San Antonio letter furnished home
addresses for various Air Force POWs and MIA personnel.

Since no positive information has been developed
concerning the activities of the above-captioned organization
in the Pittsburgh Division, no contact is being had with
the families listed in San Antonio referenced letter at this
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/20/70

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-11000) (RUC)

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Re New York City airtel to the Bureau, dated 6/9/70; Salt Lake City airtel to the Bureau, dated 7/21/70; and San Antonio letter to the Bureau, dated 8/27/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies and for the New York City Division 2 copies of an LHM entitled, "COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)."

On 7/21/70, WILLIAM R. WEST, Casualty Assistance Officer, U. S. Air Force, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, advised that there are 10 Airmen from the Utah area in a missing-in-action status and 4 Airmen who have been verified as being prisoners of war (POWs) by the North Vietnamese. WEST advised that close contact was being maintained with the downed Airmen's survivors and was reluctant to furnish the identities of the survivors until making a telephone call to Randall Air Force Base, Texas. Upon completion of his telephone call to Randall Air Force Base, WEST furnished the identities of the survivors as well as their residences and telephone numbers. He requested that the Agent first telephonically contact the survivor prior to going to their residence.

WEST further advised that a Lt. Colonel ARCHIE W. GRATCH, Chief of Missing Persons Branch, Casualty Division, Randall Air Force Base, Texas, was in possession of the records of all downed Airmen including those known to

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be held captive by the North Vietnamese and information concerning contact with the survivors by COLIFAM. WEST advised that the survivors have been instructed to contact him immediately upon receipt of any type of communication or visit by COLIFAM or members of COLIFAM.

WEST requested that the identities and residences of the survivors be kept strictly "confidential," and any communication or dissemination of their identities be so designated; therefore, the enclosed LHM is being classified "confidential."

It is noted there is a time delay between contacts with the wives of the downed Airmen because of the inability to contact them at their residences.

On 9/3/70, Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Utah, whose husband is a verified POW, was contacted but stated she did not wish to discuss COLIFAM or her husband's imprisonment in North Vietnam. No further effort was made to continue any type of interview with Mrs. [REDACTED] under the present circumstances.

On 7/21/70, [REDACTED] Casualty Branch, Military Personnel, Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele, Utah, advised that 2 Army personnel are missing in action in Vietnam; and there are no known POWs from the Utah area.

On 7/21/70, [REDACTED] Office of Special Investigations, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that there are 3 Marines and 2 Navy personnel missing in action from the Utah area but that no official verification concerning these individuals has been received as to their demise or being in a POW status.

WILLIAM WEST, supra, advised that he would immediately furnish any information to the FBI concerning additional or future contacts with the survivors of the downed Airmen by COLIFAM. Any information of this type received will be immediately furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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b2c On July 21, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Utah, advised that she has received three
letters from her husband, who is a pilot with the United
States Air Force and was shot down in February, 1967, and has
been a prisoner of the North Vietnam Government.

b2c Mrs. [REDACTED] received the first letter from her hus-
band on December 23, 1969, through the United States mails.
On the same day, a newspaperman from the Associated Press
appeared at her residence and told her that three women,
names not recalled, had returned from Vietnam; and upon
arriving in San Francisco, California, they announced they
had brought letters from United States prisoners of war
(POWs) and would forward the letters to the survivors. Her
name was released to the press by the three women. She
received the letter from her husband enclosed in an outer
envelope bearing the postmark of San Francisco, California.
There was no name on the envelope.

The second letter from her husband arrived at
her residence in a similar fashion. There was no return
name, just a return address from Pennsylvania.

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IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

The third letter she received came through an organization called "Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam" (COLIFAM). The group is headquartered in New York City, New York; and one of the group traveled to North Vietnam, received her husband's letter, and forwarded the letter to her. She received this letter in April, 1970. *Ho 12/12-7*

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she has not been contacted by any representative of COLIFAM. The third letter she received contain stationery of the organization and, in effect, stated they were happy to forward the letter to her; and she recalls it was signed by a man named DILLINGER and a woman named CORA WEISS. She has not received any other communications from her husband or the organization. To her knowledge, there are no representatives of the organization in the State of Utah. She is sure the organization released the names of other POWs to the news media. She could furnish no further information. *Ho 12/12-7*
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On September 4, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Utah, advised that in April, 1970, Lieutenant Colonel ARCHIE GRATCH, Randall Air Force Base, Texas, telephonically contacted her and told her that he had heard from COLIFAM and that the organization published a new list of POWs and her husband's name was one of those. Lt. Colonel GRATCH gave her the name and telephone number of CORA WEISS, a member of the organization. She telephonically contacted WEISS and asked if it was true that her husband's name appeared on the POW list. WEISS replied that if it came through COLIFAM, the list was true and accurate. WEISS told her to expect a letter from her husband in approximately three weeks. The letter from her husband was received by Mrs. HESS the day after she talked to WEISS.

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[REDACTED] received just one personal letter from her husband; and other than the telephone call mentioned above, she has not had any other contact with COLIFAM. No representative of COLIFAM has contacted her.

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[REDACTED] furnished copies of the material she received from COLIFAM. The first letter was to announce her husband being alive, his POW status, and that the organization was forwarding a letter from him. The other communication appeared at her residence in a separate envelope.

Copies of the above communications received from COLIFAM appear in the Appendix hereto attached. *Form-2*

On October 15, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Utah, advised that *b7c*

[REDACTED] she has received three or four personal letters from him through a group called "Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen detained in North Vietnam" (COLIFAM) headquartered in New York City.

The first contact she had with the group was through the United States mails when she received a form-

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type letter saying that they had received a letter from her husband and would be forwarding it to her. She also received instructions in the form letter as to the proper procedure to send letters to her husband. The last written communication from COLIFAM which she received was in July, 1970, said communication being a letter from her husband.

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[redacted] advised she has not been contacted personally by any individuals associated with COLIFAM. The only thing she can recall concerning the organization in New York City is that the signatures of a man named DILLINGER and a woman named CORA WEISS appear on the form letters. She could furnish no further information concerning the organization.

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April 7, 1970

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] *lrc* *for [REDACTED]*

Our Committee has recently received official confirmation of 81 more servicemen being held in North Vietnam. By now you should have

heard that [REDACTED] *lrc* is on this list. The North Vietnamese have now confirmed through the Committee of Liaison a total of 335 men being held.

This notification also means that a letter is en route from him. The enclosed release explains how mail is forwarded via our office. Because mail from Hanoi is very slow we cannot be sure when the letter will come, but we will forward it as soon as it arrives here.

We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have any questions.

At the same time, we are continuing to work towards the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia so that soon all families, American and Vietnamese, can be united again.

Sincerely,

Cora Weiss *Dave Dellinger*
Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger

P.S. Kindly excuse the mimeographed letter, but there are many families to reach at the same time.

APPENDIX

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Richard Fernandez memo - page 2

Also, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned goods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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*Barbara Webster
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Functions of the Committee

The Committee of Liaison seeks to facilitate communication between servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families in the United States. The Committee receives letters from servicemen and forwards them to their families through the domestic mails. It also forwards letters to North Vietnam at the request of families. Families are, of course, still free to send letters directly but should not the correct address for both letters and packages:

Name of serviceman, serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots Captured
in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

*staff

Captured servicemen may receive one letter a month and one package (not over six pounds in weight) every other month. The Committee does not forward packages. It is suggested that letters sent to the Committee for forwarding be sealed and that stamps be enclosed (not affixed) as letters are forwarded in packets.

The Committee is only able to be of help with respect to men who have been shot down over North Vietnam.

The Committee also is able to request information regarding the status of men thought to have been shot down over North Vietnam and captured there. For such inquiries the Committee needs to have the individual's service number, and any available information as to when and where he was shot down. With respect to such requests the Committee would expect to receive a letter to his family if the individual is being held in North Vietnam. If the individual is known to be dead or if the North Vietnamese have no information regarding him, the Committee expects to receive that word to the extent possible. In any case the Committee will communicate with the family concerned as soon as it receives word. In this way we expect that, as Xuan Thuy, head of the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris, has said, gradually the families of servicemen held in North Vietnam will hear from their relatives.

Background

The Committee of Liaison has been established in response to an initiative

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... by the North Vietnamese and is an extension of previous efforts. It is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

Since 1965 there have been a number of meetings between people of Vietnam (from both the North and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam) and Americans who oppose the war. On three separate occasions representatives of the American anti-war movement have gone to Hanoi and have returned with released servicemen. On one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to receive three American soldiers who were released by the National Liberation Front. Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters to captured servicemen at the request of their families and they have brought back letters when they have returned to the United States. On several occasions such visitors from the peace movement have met with captured pilots in Hanoi.

The Committee

The Committee of Liaison believes that the safe return of U.S. servicemen captured in North Vietnam and the half-million others that the United States maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and aboard naval vessels can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to completely withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will also continue our efforts aimed at the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. armed forces and weapons.

As individuals Committee members are active in a variety of organization and groups committed to ending the war: the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, The Conspiracy, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, U.S. Inter-religious Committee on Peace, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Newsreel, Women Against Daddy Warbucks, Lawyers Committee on Vietnam, and Women Strike for Peace.

The Committee of Liaison is entirely dependent on donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10-19-70

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (100-1595)(P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
RA
OO: NY

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DATE 7/23/93 BY 9803
345.570

Re Bureau airtel to Milwaukee and Jackson, dated
10-1-70.

Referenced airtel requested Jackson to recontact
Mrs. [redacted] Miss., and obtain
copy of a letter received by her from Dr. [redacted].

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of
an LHM and for New York, two copies of an LHM.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, Mrs.
[redacted] advised that the [redacted] referred to her previous
is JOSEPH [redacted] associated with American Friends Service
Committee, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.

Copy to RA-330
by routing slip for

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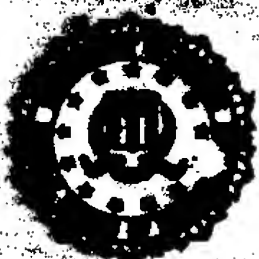
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

October 19, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)**

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62c

The following is an FD-302 reflecting interview of
Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mississippi, whose husband, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] United States Air Force, serial number [REDACTED] has been
a prisoner of war in North Vietnam since [REDACTED] 1965, having
been shot down over North Vietnam.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10-19-70

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as [REDACTED] of the FBI, was further advised that the investigation was being conducted concerning the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). b7c

Concerning a letter that she received from a Dr. JOSEPH ELDER, a Quaker from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who had been going in and out of North Vietnam and who was advised by COLIFAM to stay out of North Vietnam, that the North Vietnamese had appointed COLIFAM to handle all letters in and out of North Vietnam, Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she could not locate the letter and feels she may have forwarded the letter to the United States Air Force in Washington, D. C. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] described the letter as a form letter and stated the letter was probably sent to her in an envelope enclosing a letter from her husband, [REDACTED] United States Air Force, serial number [REDACTED] who has been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam since [REDACTED] 1965. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she received the above mentioned letter approximately Christmas of 1969, and feels that other relatives of prisoners of war probably received the same letter from Dr. ELDER. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] further advised that Dr. ELDER had visited North Vietnam on several occasions, the main purpose of his trip being to take medical supplies into North Vietnam. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] further stated that the Dr. JOSEPH ELDER, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is connected with the American Friends Service Committee, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. b7c

On 10-12-70 at Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595 b7c

by SA [REDACTED] 2 Date dictated 10-15-70

JN 100-1595

b7c
Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the contents of the above described letter in effect advised that all letters to prisoners of war in North Vietnam will be handled through COLIFAM, at the request of the North Vietnamese Government.

b7c
Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that in September, 1970, she received two letters from her husband, which letters were forwarded to her in [REDACTED] Mississippi, by letter from COLIFAM, New York, New York.

b7c
POWYMAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/14/70

SAC, EL PASO (100-6213) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NY

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Re NY airtel to the Bureau, 6/9/70;
SA letter to the Bureau, 8/27/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies,
Albuquerque, Jacksonville, and Newark one copy each, and
two copies for New York of an LHM entitled as above.
One copy each of a memorandum to SAC EP dated 7/21/70,
is enclosed for the Jacksonville and Newark Offices.

Copies of the enclosed LHM have been furnished
to the 112th MI Group and Director of Security, both
Ft. Bliss, Texas; OSI, Biggs Field, Texas; and NISO,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who furnished the information set out in the enclosed
LHM, was very cooperative, but was concerned about any
action which might be taken which would jeopardize the
lives of any prisoners of war or servicemen missing in
action in Vietnam. She said that, as things stand at the
present, neither she nor her husband would be willing to
testify regarding their knowledge of COLIFAM activities.

- 1-Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-Albuquerque (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
1-Jacksonville (Encl. 2) (Info) (RM)
1-Newark (Encl. 2) (Info) (RM)
2-New York (100-168469) (Encl. 2) (RM)
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Mrs. [REDACTED] also requested that her daughter-in-law, Mrs. [REDACTED] not be contacted regarding this matter. b7c b7d

Mrs. [REDACTED] said that if any information came to her attention to indicate that any other members of the Southwest Chapter of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia were contacted by COLIFAM, she would immediately notify the FBI. She said that, in the absence of any information in her possession to indicate that any such contacts had been made in the past, she felt that it was inadvisable to contact the other members of her group at this time, especially in view of the fact that the servicemen involved are missing in action, rather than prisoners of war in Vietnam. b7c

Noted that Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished some information regarding the activities of one [REDACTED] in 7/70. An investigation was conducted by the EP Office regarding this matter, and Mr. [REDACTED] was ultimately interviewed. He was identified as [REDACTED] and was interested in contacting families of prisoners of war in behalf of [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] was working in the best interests of the United States, and wanted to encourage families to write to Mr. ROSS PEROT. b7c

Copies of referenced memorandum are being furnished to the Jacksonville and Newark Offices, which cover the places of residence and employment of [REDACTED] b7c b7d
The memorandum in question sets out in detail the results of the interview with Mr. [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] Unless the Jacksonville and Newark Offices have information to the contrary, there appears to be no reason for conducting any additional investigation regarding [REDACTED] The memorandum is being furnished the Jacksonville and Newark Offices for information purposes. b7c

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On 6/17/70, Mr. [REDACTED] Office of Director of Security, and on 6/22/70, Mr. [REDACTED] 112th MI Group, both Ft. Bliss, Texas, were contacted, at which time they advised they had no pertinent information regarding this matter. They said they would contact the FBI if any pertinent information came to their attention.

Appropriate sources and informants were alerted regarding this matter. They had no pertinent information to furnish. Their identities are being maintained in the EP Office file.

LEADS

ALBUQUERQUE, JACKSONVILLE, AND NEWARK (INFO:)

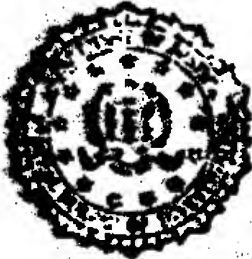
A copy has been furnished to the AQ Office in view of the fact that Mrs. [REDACTED] mentioned in the enclosed LHM, resides in [REDACTED] New Mexico.

Copies have been furnished the JK and NK Offices, which cover the residence and employment addresses of [REDACTED] mentioned above.

EL PASO

AT [REDACTED] TEXAS:

Interview Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of a prisoner of war, namely [REDACTED] in accordance with instructions contained in NY letter to the Bureau, 6/9/70.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

202 U. S. Court House
El Paso, Texas 79901
October 14, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

AW/MIA Special EO 12812
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 14, 1970

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Her son, [REDACTED] has been a prisoner of war in Vietnam for a period of 34 months. She and her husband, who was formerly [REDACTED] in the United States Army, have received no correspondence from their son during the entire period of time that he has been a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

In April, 1970, their daughter-in-law, Mrs. [REDACTED] received the first letter from her husband, [REDACTED] since the latter became a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] has received a total of four letters from her husband since April, 1970.

Mrs. [REDACTED] has not been contacted in any way by the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), except for the four letters which she has received from her husband, [REDACTED]. These four letters had been addressed to her by her husband, but had been placed in an outer envelope and forwarded to her by COLIFAM. Several of these letters contained short letters from COLIFAM, along with the enclosed letters from her husband.

Mrs. [REDACTED] has not addressed any communications to COLIFAM, and has not sent any letters to COLIFAM to be forwarded to her husband in Vietnam. She has made use of the regular postal service in addressing letters to her prisoner of war husband in Vietnam.

The only direct contact that Mrs. [REDACTED] has had with COLIFAM has been the receipt of the above

10/12/70 at [REDACTED] Texas

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SA [REDACTED]

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mentioned letters forwarded to her by COLIFAM. No individual representing COLIFAM has made any direct contact with Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] and her husband received a letter in May, 1970, from COLIFAM. This letter came through the mails, and was received by them at their [REDACTED] address, namely [REDACTED] b7c Mrs. [REDACTED] made available the letter, a copy of which is attached hereto.

This is the only correspondence received by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] from COLIFAM. She and her husband discussed the matter and decided not to make use of the air letter form which was enclosed with the letter from COLIFAM. She and her husband felt that their son would prefer that they not make use of the services of COLIFAM and, for that reason, they decided to continue their correspondence with their son by using the regular mail service. No one from COLIFAM has made direct contact with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] at their residence in [REDACTED] b7c

Even though Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] have received no correspondence from their prisoner of war son, they have continued to send letters to him. Their son commented in a letter to his wife, Mrs. [REDACTED] that he had received a Christmas card addressed to him by his parents. This is the only information which Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] have received to indicate that any of their letters sent to their prisoner of war son had been received by him. b7c

Neither Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] nor their daughter-in-law, Mrs. [REDACTED] have any plans to make contact with COLIFAM at any time in the future. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] which has the address of [REDACTED] the only members of this group, in addition to the [REDACTED] family, are the following: b7c

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[REDACTED]
Texas

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED]
Texas

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED]
New Mexico

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED] keeps in close contact with the above listed individuals. None of these individuals had received any correspondence from or had been contacted by COLIFAM. [REDACTED] have husbands

who are missing in action in Vietnam. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have a son who is missing in action in Vietnam.

[REDACTED] is the only one who has a son who is a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

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365 West 42nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10036

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

EP 100-6213

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May 4, 1970

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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez

To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam

Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 300 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 155 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

SỐ QUÂN (Service number):

NGÀY VÀ NƠI SINH (Date & place of birth):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA

VIA MOSCOW, USSR (Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

GỬI (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

an ch' (N.B.):

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (*Write legibly and only on the lines*).
2. Trong thư chỉ được nói về tình hình sức khỏe và tình hình gia đình (*Write only about health and family*).
3. Các đơn gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Letters from families should also conform to this proforma*).

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/29/70

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (100-20689) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau, 8/27/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above in form suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for New York are two (2) copies of this LHM, due to the fact that New York is Office of Origin in this matter.

The Agent conducting the interview of Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] on 10/23/70 was SA [REDACTED]

LEAD

BUFFALO

AT [REDACTED] NEW YORK

Will continue interviewing relatives of individuals named on list.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)
2 - New York (Encs. 2) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York
October 29, 1970

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)**

b2c On October 23, 1970, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] *801-812-~* *b2c*
[REDACTED] were interviewed by a representative of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished the following
information:

9w/MSA Special EO-12812
7/23/93 980 [REDACTED]
345.570 *b2c*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/23/70

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] New York, advised that their son, [REDACTED] has been reported missing in action by United States military officials in Vietnam. b2c

After being apprised of the fact that the United States Department of Justice had requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make inquiry of certain relatives of military service personnel known to be prisoners of war in North Vietnam or who had been reported missing in action, the [REDACTED] stated that they had not been contacted by anyone from the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam or by anyone except United States military officials. b2c

10/23/70

New York

File # Buffalo 100-20689

SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated 10/23/70

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(COLIFAM)**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/28/70

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-12009) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COLIFAN
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated 9/22/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM concerning captioned subject. Three copies are enclosed for New York.

The attached interviews conclude the investigation in the Dallas Division. Therefore, this case is being considered RUC.

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2-New York (100-168469) (Enc. 3) (RM)

1-Dallas

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DALLAS, TEXAS
October 28, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON
WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

The information set forth in the letterhead memorandum supplements that information contained in Dallas memorandum dated September 22, 1970. *for review*

Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] *b2c*
[REDACTED] Texas, were interviewed inasmuch as their names had been furnished by Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, as persons believed to have had close contact with the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. Copies of the results of these interviews are as follows:

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[REDACTED]
b2c
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/1/70

Mrs. [redacted] Texas, advised that her husband, [redacted] U. S. Air Force, was reported missing in action on November 1968, by the United States Air Force as he was shot down over Laos. She advised that her husband is still "missing in action", she does not know whether or not he is still alive or if he is a prisoner of war as she has had no communications from him. FRA

Mrs. [redacted] advised that inasmuch as the Committee of Liaison had not contacted her, she wrote to the Committee of Liaison in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the winter of 1969, inquiring whether the Committee could find out anything concerning her husband. The Committee of Liaison answered promptly by letter, the letter now being unavailable, that the Committee would be unable to help her as her husband went down over Laos.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that during September, 1969, she, along with Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] accompanied Mr. [redacted] to Paris, France, where contact was made with a representative of the North Vietnam Government, name not recalled. This individual advised the group that if they really wanted to do something to help the prisoners of war in North Vietnam, they should return to the United States and contact either BENNIE DAVIS or CORA WEISS. Further, that they should join the Peace Movement to end the Vietnam war. She advised that during November of 1969, the group of wives, including herself, returned to Paris, France, and they later traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, however, they were given no help or information concerning their husbands. FRA

In 1970, a group of wives, including herself, accompanied Mr. ROSS PEROT of United We Stand, to Paris, France, and on to Saigon, South Vietnam, however, she learned of no information concerning her husband. She advised that she had not and does not intend to contact either BENNIE DAVIS or CORA WEISS. FRA

Mrs. [redacted] advised that in response to a memo-graphed letter dated January 20, 1970, received from American

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Texas

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Friends Service Committee, Inc., 100 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she sent a letter to this committee during the Spring of 1975 which letter contained the serial number of her husband, as well as his rank. She also enclosed a short letter addressed to her husband, however, the letter was returned to her with a notation to the effect that the letter could not be delivered. 201-11-122

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she had not received any telephone call nor had she been personally contacted by the Committee of Liaison. She advised that although she would strongly cooperate with the United States Government, she advised that she would not be willing to testify at any type of hearing against members of the Committee of Liaison for fear of placing her husband's life in jeopardy. She advised that although she would accept a letter from her husband from anyone or from any group, she disapproves of the Committee of Liaison being allowed to deal with the Hanoi Government.

Mrs. [REDACTED] made available a copy of a letter she received from the American Friends Service Committee, Inc.

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January 20, 1970

Dear Friend,

I am happy to report that during my visit to North Vietnam between December 26, 1969, and January 9, 1970, I was able to deliver to the representatives of the Viet Nam Committee for Solidarity with American People) about 500 letters that had been forwarded on to me by you and other family members of prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

Immediately prior to my departure from North Vietnam I was given 69 letters from 64 American prisoners of war, and in keeping with the North Vietnamese request these letters have been given to the

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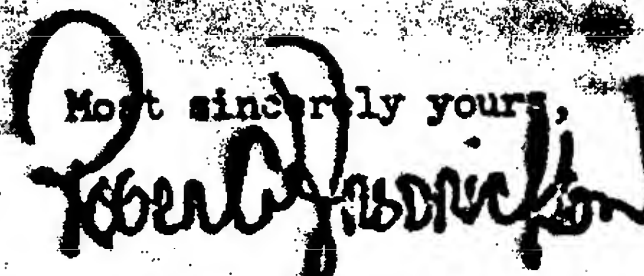
for transmittal to the individual addressees. We at the American Friends Service Committee are pleased to have had a part in opening a channel for communication between the prisoners and their families and hope that this will continue.

You may be interested to know that during my visit to North Vietnam I was able to deliver a second contribution of open heart surgical equipment to the Benh Vien Viet-Duc Hospital in Hanoi in keeping with a long-standing Quaker concern for civilian sufferers on both sides of a war.

Following my departure from North Vietnam I traveled on to Quang Ngai in South Vietnam to visit the American Friends Service Committee (Quaker) rehabilitation project for civilian casualties.

I have asked my colleagues in Philadelphia to mail this letter to you prior to my return to the United States, so that you might know more promptly that your letter has safely arrived in Hanoi and was given to the appropriate North Vietnamese authorities with my specific request that it be delivered to the individual addressee.

Most sincerely yours,



for: Louis W. Schneider
Roger G. Fredrickson

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. [redacted] Texas, advised that her husband, [redacted] United States Air Force, was reported missing in action on [redacted] 1968, by the United States Air Force, as he was shot down over North Vietnam. She advised that her husband is still missing in action, she does not know whether or not he is dead or alive, or if he is a prisoner of war, as she has had no communication from him.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that inasmuch as the Committee of Liaison had not contacted her, she wrote only one letter to the Committee, during January, 1970, furnishing her husband's name, rank, and serial number, and requesting that the Committee seek out any information it could concerning her husband. She advised that she received a mimeographed letter, since misplaced, from the Committee, which letter contained no information concerning her husband.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that during September, 1969, she, along with Mr. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] accompanied Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] where contact was made with a representative of the North Vietnam Government, name not recalled. This individual advised the group that if they really wanted to do something to help the prisoners of war in North Vietnam, they should return to the United States and contact either RENNIE DAVIS or CORA WEISS. Also, they should join the Movement to end the Vietnam war. She advised that she did not make the return trip to Paris, France, with the group during November, 1969, but a group of wives, including herself, accompanied Mr. ROSS PEROT of United We Stand, to Paris, France and on to Saigon, South Vietnam, during March 1970, however, she learned no information concerning her husband. She advised that she had not and does not intend to contact either RENNIE DAVIS or CORA WEISS.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she had not received any telephone call or had she been personally contacted by the Committee of Liaison.

She advised that although she is extremely anxious to hear from her husband or to hear whether or not he is still

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